

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 56th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

**Call to Order:** By **VICE CHAIRMAN ROD BITNEY**, on February 11, 1999  
at 3:00 P.M., in Room 104 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Rod Bitney, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. David Ewer, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)  
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)  
Rep. Roy Brown (R)  
Rep. Edith Clark (R)  
Rep. Tom Dell (D)  
Rep. Toni Hagener (D)  
Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)  
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)  
Rep. Jeff Mangan (D)  
Rep. Mark Noennig (R)  
Rep. Scott J. Orr (R)  
Rep. Trudi Schmidt (D)  
Rep. Carley Tuss (D)  
Rep. Cindy Younkin (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Chris Ahner, Chairman (R)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Steven Gallus (D)

**Staff Present:** Bart Campbell, Legislative Branch  
Kimberly Walkenhorst, Committee Secretary

**Please Note:** These are summary minutes. Testimony and  
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB336, HB408, HB443, 2/11/1999  
Executive Action: HB443

**HEARING ON HB336**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Kim Gillan  
***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 0.7}***

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Jani McCall, Billings  
***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 3}***

Mark Watson, City of Billings  
***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 7.3}***

Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns  
***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 10.6}***

Ed McHugh, Helena **EXHIBIT**(loh34a01)  
***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16}***

Mike Kadas, Mayor Missoula  
***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 20}***

**Opponents' Testimony:**

Andy Skinner, Helena  
***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 21.5}***

Bill Leary, Secretary Treasurer Helena Property Association  
**EXHIBIT**(loh34a02)  
***{Tape : 1; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 26.6}***

Ed Maronick, Maronick Construction Company  
***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 5.5}***

Steve Snezick, Montana Association of Realtors  
***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.8}***

Don Hurni, Helena  
***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 7.7}***

Steve Skinner, Helena Property Owners Association  
***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 12}***

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**  
***{Tape : 1; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.3}***

**Closing Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Kim Gillan

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**HEARING ON HB408**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Cindy Younkin

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 2.5}*

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Students from Chief Joseph Middle School **EXHIBIT**(loh34a03)

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 4.8}*

Claire Cantrell, self

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 14.2}*

Mark Dickhoff, American Cancer Society

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 15}*

Paula Barnasky, Bozeman

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 16}*

Jim Smith, American Cancer Society

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 18}*

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

*{Tape : 2; Side : A; Approx. Time Counter : 19.4}*

**Closing Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Cindy Younkin

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 0.2}*

**HEARING ON HB443**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:** Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 2.5}*

**Proponents' Testimony:**

Gordon Hendricks, Mayor of Superior

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 6.1}*

Alec Hansen, Montana League of Cities and Towns

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Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 13.5}*

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 14.8}*

#### HEARING ON HB411

Opening Statement by Sponsor: Rep. David Ewer

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 16.7}*

Proponents' Testimony:

Paul Reichert, Helena Improvement District and Downtown Parking  
**EXHIBIT** (loh34a04)

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 17.2}*

Mark Etchart, Helena Parking Commission

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 19.7}*

Chuck Butler, Chairman Helena Improvement District

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 22.7}*

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 24.1}*

Closing Statement by Sponsor: Rep. David Ewer

*{Tape : 2; Side : B; Approx. Time Counter : 27}*

#### EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB411

Motion/Vote: REP. YOUNKIN moved HB411 DO PASS. Motion carried 14-0. Reps. Kitzenberg and Ahner voted aye by proxy.

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Motion/Vote: REP. BOOKOUT-REINICKE moved that HB443 DO PASS.

Motion carried 12-7 with Ahner, Bitney, Brown, Kitzenberg, Lawson, Orr, and YOUNKIN voting no. Reps. Ahner and Kitzenberg and Ahner voted no by proxy.

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**EXHIBIT(loh34a05) EXHIBIT(loh34a06) EXHIBIT(loh34a07) EXHIBIT(loh34a08) EXHIBIT(loh34a09) EXHIBIT(loh34a10) EXHIBIT(loh34a11)** were given sometime throughout the meeting, but the substitute secretary did not note when they were given.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 5:15 P.M.

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REP. CHRIS AHNER, Chairman

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KIMBERLY WALKENHORST, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT (loh34aad)**